FDI for expansion of higher education

†3580. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for foreign capital investment for expansion and development of higher educational system in the country is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the outlines of the proposal, since when it has been under consideration and at which levels of administration the proposal has been considered; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Government, vide Press Note 2 (2000 Series) dated 11.2.2000 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) has allowed FDI up to 100%, on the automatic route in the Education Sector, subject to the sectoral rules/regulations as may be applicable.

Hoda Committee on role of private sector in higher education

†3581. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee was constituted in May, 2007 under the Chairmanship of Anwarul Hoda, for giving suggestions to determine the role of private sector in higher education;

(b) if so, whether this Committee has submitted its suggestions to Government; and

(c) if so, when these suggestions from the Committee were received and what are those suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the Planning Commission had constituted a High Level Group on Services Sector on 4th May, 2007 under the Chairmanship of Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission for comprehensively examining the different aspects influencing the performance of the services sector. The Report of the Group was released on 2nd April, 2008. The Group selected six sub-sectors of the services Sector viz., IT & IT enabled Services, Tourism, Shipping, Health Services, Financial Services and Retail Trading for detailed examination. While the needs to each sub-sector are unique in many respects, the Group felt that action on three fronts was critical for enhancing the competitiveness of the services sector. The education system must be reformed and expanded, the skill deficit in almost all service sectors must be eliminated through concerned action and the physical infrastructure including the urban infrastructure and civic amenities brought to world standards.

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